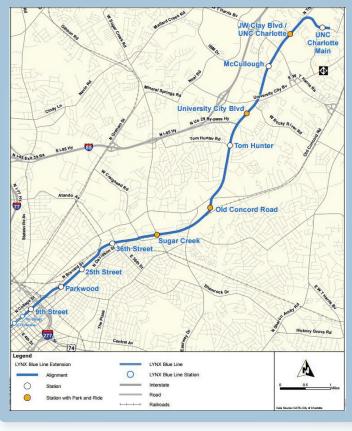
Blue Line Extension Northeast Corridor

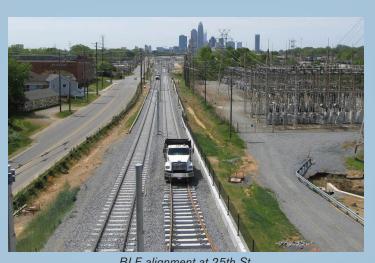
Fast Facts

- 9.3 mile extension of the LYNX Blue Line with 11 stations
- Runs in an exclusive right-of-way free of congestion
- Projected 24,500 average weekday trips by 2035
- 4 park and ride stations with approximately 3,000 spaces
- Continuous travel from I-485/South Boulevard through Center City to UNC Charlotte projected to be 47 minutes
- Key activities centers
 - UNC Charlotte Main Campus
 - Carolinas Medical Center University
 - UNC Charlotte Center City Campus
 - Charlotte Transportation Center
 - Center City Charlotte
 - Blumenthal Performing Arts Center
 - ImaginOn The Joe and Joan Martin Center
 - Historic North Davidson
 - Time Warner Cable Arena
- Planned integration of bus service from adjacent neighborhoods to light rail stations
- Connects to open, green space at Levine Park in First Ward
- Includes plans for streetscapes, bicycle lanes and safe pedestrian crossings
- Art along the route by artists: Maria Artemis, Carolyn Braaksma, Susan Brenner, Shaun Cassidy, Jackie Chang, Chandra Cox, Sharon Dowell, Darren Goins, Doug Hollis & Anna Murch, Ruth Ava Lyons & Paul Sires, Mikyoung Kim, and Tom Stanley.
- Estimated project budget \$1.16 billion



Ariel view of new lanes over tunnel





BLE alignment at 25th St.







Benefits

- **Consistent travel time:** The LYNX Blue Line Extension travel time will be consistent from the first day of operation.
- **More transportation choices:** The LYNX Blue Line Extension will offer alternatives to travel on I-85 and North Tryon Street while providing more options for travel to work, school, entertainment, and medical destinations.
- Integration of land use: The design of LYNX stations supports the City's Centers, Corridors and Wedges Growth Framework by concentrating a mix of complementary, well-integrated land uses within walking distance of transit stations.
- **Stronger neighborhoods:** People in neighborhoods adjacent to stations or connected by bus services will have greater access to employment and educational opportunities.
- Improved roadways: Construction of the LYNX Blue Line Extension will include roadway improvements to North Tryon Street and grade separated rail crossings into and out of North Tryon Street, over the I-85 Connector Road, University City Boulevard, and Harris Boulevard.
- **Improved pedestrian and bicycle travel:** The project includes the addition of bike lanes, sidewalks and landscaping for a safer, more comfortable pedestrian experience.

New Starts Planning and Project Development Process

2000 Systems Planning 2002 Alternatives Analysis 2006 Select Locally Preferred Alternative 2007 FTA Approval to enter into Preliminary Engineering 2008 Preliminary Engineering 2011 Record of Decision 2012 Full Funding Grant Agreement 2013 Final Design and ROW Acquisition 2014 Construction 2018 Operation

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